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Biographic Brief on Dr. Gerhard Freiherr von Preuschen, Wiesbaden,  
Federal Republic Observer at Eichmann Trial.

Dr. Gerhard Freiherr von Preuschen, Wiesbaden lawyer who has been selected by Fed Rep to act as its official observer at Eichmann trial, was born in Aachen January 27, 1903, son of an Army General who married from a family of noted jurists in Darmstadt. Preuschen is a Protestant. He studied law and jurisprudence, concluding his studies in Frankfurt with a doctoral thesis on U.S. Constitutional Law.

Von Preuschen was forbidden to practice law during Nazi regime and found employment with a champagne firm in Wiesbaden, which frequently sent him to Berlin on business. In Berlin during war he became acquainted with members of anti-Hitler plot group among who Goerdeler and Graf Stauffenberg, who were executed after unsuccessful July 1944 attempt. Preuschen himself was arrested in Berlin-Potsdam in early 1945 for anti-Nazi activities and sentenced to 18 months at hard labor. Due to delay in carrying out order transferring him to jurisdiction of a special SS command, he escaped execution and was liberated from imprisonment by Russians when they marched into Berlin.

After recovering from effects of his incarceration, during which he nearly starved to death, von Preuschen opened a private law practice in Wiesbaden (Parkstrasse 25) which he still runs. Is regarded by those who know him in West Germany as a man of outstanding integrity. No known party affiliation.

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